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Welcome to the 7th edition of the Reutilization Advisory. Brought to you by DRMS-USR, it provides you with the very latest in Reutilization, Transfer & Donation (R/T/D) issues, & in any related areas of concern to DoD customers & fellow employees in the field. If you've missed some issues, or have ideas or concerns you'd like checked out; give us a call; we'll be happy to follow up.



NOT Your Grandpa's Way of Doing Business . . .



The word's been out for a few months, but not everyone's got it. There's still some confusion & customers are asking: is IRIS (the Interrogations Requirements Information System), going away, or not?

The older IRIS, long used to screen & locate property, is indeed "going away" in October, 1998. Just as technological advances in automation have rapidly transformed the way private industry does business, so too, are government operations being re-shaped by such change.

As the automated capabilities for searches on the Web (Internet) has, over time, become so much faster, easier to use and less costly than the old system, it's become clear that the time has come to "cut the cord" & make the transition over to the newer way of searching & ordering excess property.

The official shutdown of IRIS primarily affects the "online, one-time" searches; the user who has been submitting online requisitions directly from IRIS. The overnight purge capability remains. For those customers who do not yet have web access, MILSTRIP requisitions can still be submitted through the AUTODIN system.

For those with Internet access, all you need do is log on to web page address: <http://www.drms.dla.mil>, follow the menus to "Gov.R/T," & then "click" on "Property Search." The automated system allows you to screen & locate assets by LSN, NSN, NIIN, Federal Supply Class (FSC), Federal Supply Group (FSG), noun name, geographical location; or even by the date property entered inventory. You'll find searching this way also provides you with property descriptions, photographs, and visibility of local stock numbers; all an improvement over the older system.

Once you've filled in the information asked for & completed your search, "click" on the "Automated Milstrip Requisitioning" option & fill in the information that you've always provided to order property.

There's also a "wish-list" batch capability which gives you the option of submitting large numbers of NSNs, all at one time, for search. The NSNs are then processed as a batch query within 48 hours. Results can then be emailed to you, or, if you're "computer-savvy," you can even download them yourself from a zipped file off the Webserver through FTP.

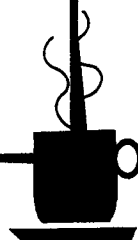
Note: Be sure to see the informational hand-out at the end of this issue of the Advisory. It provides a step-by-step walk-through of the new DRMS Experimental Search capability on the Internet. Similar to the "batch query" above, it offers the considerable advantage of immediate processing of stock numbers (instead of overnight), & your search can be custom-tailored to include only the specific info you're interested in (thus avoiding a printing & sorting of data fields that you don't need). You can search for one stock number, or thousands, & have your results right away.

Try it out today, & let us know what you think ... Share the good news with your customer!

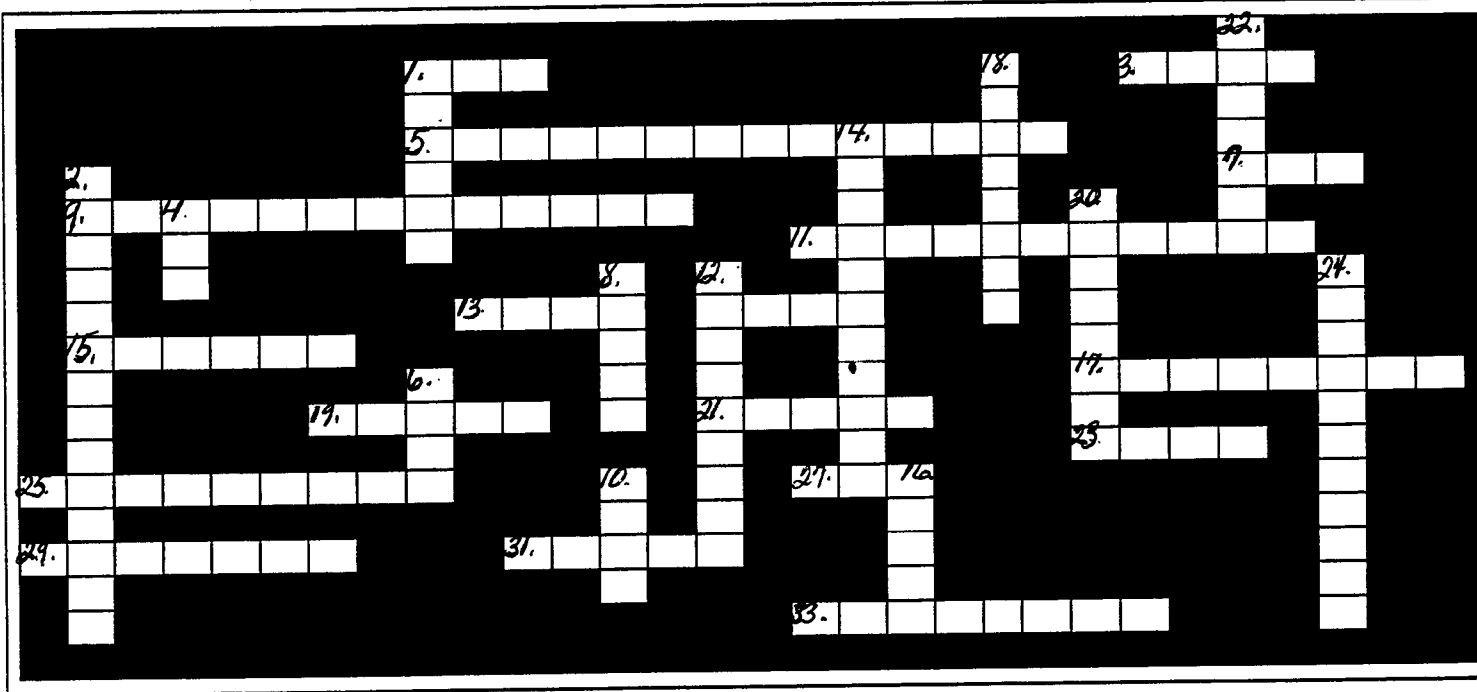
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Take a minute,
Have some fun

with the "USR"
version of the
crossword ...



How Well Do You Know Your "Reut" ?



ACROSS (Odd)

1. Excess Defense Articles made available for sale to eligible foreign countries & international organizations, & considered reimbursable transactions are conducted under the ____ Program.
3. When you have a Reut question or concern, the BEST place to turn is the Reutilization _____ at DRMS-USR available at: DSN 932-7552 or email: msmith@drms.dla.mil.
5. All R/T/D customers are now strongly encouraged to screen _____ instead of using older, outdated systems.
7. The Chief of Reutilization at DRMS (& highly esteemed leader of the "Reut Team" located there) is S. ____ (last name).
9. The most cost-effective way to fill supply needs today is by using the _____ Program through DRMS.

DOWN (Even)

1. DRMS Form 103, approved by DLA & GSA to identify proper during screening, is essentially a request to _____ proper.
2. Although property through the Contractor Inventory Redistribution System (CIRS) is essentially free, packaging & _____ costs are usually paid by the customer.
4. The first thing you must do to request Expedited Processing is contact DRMS-____, with a request & a justification.
6. The older system used to screen & locate property and which "going away" in Fall, 1998, is the _____.
8. Category of property NOT issued to Service Educational Activities, (SEAs), is _____-required property.
10. Reusable property no longer needed by DoD contractors is made available for redistribution through the _____ Program.

ACROSS, (Odd), cont.

11. Specialized "Reut Program" allowing police departments to withdraw DoD property is the Law _____ Support Office (LESOs).

13. The fastest, most efficient way to search for property today is by accessing the DRMS _____ (2 words) on the World Wide Web.

15. The DRMS Home Page on the Web has detailed item information and even has _____ for much of the property in the inventory.

17. A neat quarterly 4-page bulletin, stuffed with helpful "Reut" info and important POCs, brought to you by DRMS-U, is the "Reutilization _____."

19. Through the DRMS Web Page, a "wish-list" batch query provides the option of submitting _____ numbers of NSNs, all at one time, for searches.

21. The database accessed through the DRMS Home Page on the Web now even provides visibility of _____ stock numbers; a big improvement over the older systems.

23. Specialized program providing property to eligible Educational activities is the _____ Program.

25. You may not know, but there are even some kinds of _____ property that can be reutilized for another great way to avoid steep procurement & disposal costs.

27. 42 days is the formal screening "window of opportunity" once property is closed in an accumulation for _____ customers.

29. IN FY 97 alone, DoD customers who turned to "Reut" FIRST, realized over \$2 _____ in savings.

31. The DRMS Reutilization Program is "Your _____ Source of Supply."

33. If you have access to Internet & are on a .mil or .gov system; if you have your agency's Accountable Supply Officer's authorization to requisition on behalf of that agency's DoDAAC, you can now cut a MILSTRIP requisition right from your computer _____, & order through the Web.

DOWN, (Even), cont.

12. A chance to see a "pat on the back" for a peer or coworker in print, & a chance for a hard-worker to "shine" is the "Reutilization _____" found in every issue of the Reutilization Advisory.

14. A newer specialized program, part of the Humanitarian Assistance Program (HAP), which screens along with DoD & OFA AND uses a separate HAP DoDAAC of H91133, is _____ International.

16. By walking through easy-to-use menus on the Internet DRM Home Page, you can search the database, which is updated _____, for both NSN & LSN-assigned DoD excess & surplus inventory, 24 hours a day.

18. DoD customers initiate a _____ requisition to withdraw property from a DRMO.

20. Organizations authorized to acquire through donation or loan "obsolete or condemned combat material, books, manuscripts, works of art, drawings, plans, & models for historical, ceremonial & display purposes" are eligible _____ groups.

22. When you have an IRIS/MILSTRIP problem, & all else fails, you call _____ (first name) at DRMS-USR & cry "Help!"

24. Generally, customers are not permitted to screen/tag property prior to it being entered on the DRMO's _____ record.

*There are no *s, 26, 28, 30 & 32 DOWN.



* With apologies to the "New York Times" puzzle "gurus," & serious puzzlers everywhere.

Teamwork: In the Reut Spotlight



By initiating the Food Recovery Program in 1996, President Clinton tasked the federal government to promote the donation of excess food & grocery items to the needy. He wanted, he said, to assure that "no such food goes to waste that can be economically provided to persons in need."

DoD, through DRMS & DPSC, are making available an estimated \$10M in food. DRMOs receive the 1348s from DPSC, fill out the 103s, & provide them to their GSA AVOs. GSA then issues food directly to eligible federal agencies & the (SASPs) State Agencies for Surplus Property.

From DRMS's early involvement in Nov. '97 to the present, we've received over \$2.3M in food for the ongoing program. What sounded like a simple "paper transaction," soon assumed a life of its own, as reut personnel scrambled to provide 1348s & vet certificates to generators, (& even explain 1348s to DPSC personnel, who don't use them), notify GSA when food became available, explain disposal procedures to generators, coordinate all pick-ups of property, & verify the accuracy of all transactions involved in the program.

Hats Off to the Following for Exceptional Teamwork:

DRMO Colorado Springs
DRMO Groton
DRMO Jacksonville
DRMO Lewis
DRMO Meade
DRMO Mechanicsburg
DRMO Philadelphia
DRMO Riley
DRMO San Diego
DRMO Stockton

It may be true that the DRMOs are "just doing their job," & tempting to dismiss the project as "just a paper transaction."

Yet, considering USDA estimates that say an estimated 130 pounds of food per person per year (at \$31B) ends up in landfills & that roughly 49 million people could have been fed by these lost resources, participating in such a way to help reduce hunger is not a bad day's work.

For further information, contact Carol Fix, DRMS-USR, at: DSN 932-5845.

A warm "Hello" to one of our Reut Specialists, Lydia Ruiz, who toils in the Reutilization Shop at DRMO Hill.

Thanks, Lydia, for the support you provide to



your R/T/D customers, & through them, all of DRMS. (So, Lydia, call us when you see this, for a special surprise).

More Good News . . .

February tallies brought especially GOOD News: as of March 27th, we've R/T/D'd \$2.53B.

This hard-earned effort puts us at 43% AHEAD of where we were for the same time period last year (& that was nothing to sneeze at!).

We are currently R/T/D ing 19% of all Total Receipts.

That admirable figure also puts us ahead of our FY 98 GPRA goal, to R/T/D 18% of Total Receipts.

The 5 DRMOs Showing the Greatest Percentage of Change:

DRMO Name	FY 98 R/T/D Total	% of Change
Jacksonville	\$439,279,157	1137%
Tucson	54,286,782	894%
Savanna (closed)	13,005	861%
Huntsville	9,318,957	850%
Crane	39,767,441	688%

Wow.

CROSSWORD Across: 1/FMS. 3/team. 5/electronically. 7/Low. 9/Reutilization. 11/Enforcement. 13/Home Page. 15/photos. 17/Advisory. 19/large. 21/local. 23/SEAs. 25/hazardous. 27/RTD. 29/Billion. 31/First. 33/keyboard. Down: 1/freeze. 2/transportation. 4/USR. 6/IRIS. 8/Demil. 10/GPS. 12/Spotlight. 14/Counterpart. 16/daily. 18/MTLSTRIP. 20/veterans. 22/Marilyn (Keadle